Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing devices using a virtual device domain, the method comprising:

establishing a virtual device for each physical device of one or more devices associated with a user; and

automatically synchronizing the virtual device with one or more other virtual devices.

2.   (Original) The method claim 1, further comprising synchronizing the virtual device with external databases.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein establishing a virtual device for each physical device comprises creating the virtual device in a virtual device domain and updating settings in the virtual device.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the settings comprise configuration and personal settings, and wherein synchronizing the virtual device with one or more other virtual devices[[,]] is based on a domain configuration.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein synchronizing the virtual device with one or more other virtual devices is based on a domain configuration.

6.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product, embodied in a computer-readable medium, that manages devices using a virtual device domain, the computer program product comprising[[:]] computer code to:

establish a virtual device within a virtual device domain for each physical device associated with a user; and

automatically synchronize the virtual device with one or more virtual devices in the virtual device domain.

7.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 6, further comprising a user interface to facilitate administration of the virtual devices.

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8.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the computer code includes code to administer configuration and personal settings, and the virtual device is synchronized with one or more other virtual devices, based on a domain configuration.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing devices using a virtual domain, the system comprising:

a number of physical devices associated with a user; and a virtual device domain including virtual devices for each of the number of physical devices,

wherein the virtual devices include device capability information for corresponding physical devices, and wherein the number of physical devices are automatically synchronized by the corresponding virtual devices.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein synchronization of the virtual devices is based on a domain configuration.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the virtual device is located in the network.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the virtual device domain is in a personal computer.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the virtual devices can be administered by the user over a network.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the network is the Internet.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the physical devices communicate data to the virtual devices to provide a backup of the data.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the Virtual Device Domain resides in a server associated with a communication provider.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the Virtual Device Domain comprises domain configuration including transcoding rules.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the synchronization follows a SyncML specification.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the virtual devices have relationships between each other defined by a configuration and used in administering and managing the Virtual Device Domain, wherein the administering and managing is done using an application that provides a visual presentation of the virtual devices and the relationships.

20.   (Currently Amended) A business method for providing a virtual device domain including virtual devices corresponding to physical devices associated with a user, the business method comprising:

    associating a communication service with a plurality of physical devices; and

    managing the plurality of physical devices using virtual devices in a virtual device domain, wherein managing the plurality of physical devices includes <u>automatically</u> synchronizing the virtual devices.

21.   (Original) The business method of claim 20, wherein managing the plurality of physical devices comprises tracking services and configurations of the virtual devices in the virtual device domain for billing purposes.

22.   (Original) The business method of claim 20, further comprising synchronizing the virtual devices according to a payment plan configuration.

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